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SUBJECT: FURTHER GDR DISSATISFACTION WITH FRENCH
NOMENCLATURE PRACTICES IN EAST BERLIN

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1. AT APRIL 10 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH REP
REPORTED ON A FURTHER GDR REACTION TO THE DIFFICULTIES
THE FRENCH NOTE ACCREDITING A CHARGE D' AFFAIRES " TO
THE GDR" HAD CREATED IN EAST BERLIN (REFTEL). ACCORD-
ING TO THE CHARGE, A GDR FONOFF REP (NIER, HEAD OF
NORTH EUROPE DIVISION) CONVENED A MEETING OF REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF TEN AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES RESIDENT
IN EAST BERLIN IN EARLY APRIL TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE
WORDING OF THE FRENCH ACCREDITATION NOTE, AS WELL AS
ABOUT THE WORDING OF THE FRENCH SEAL AND THE HEADINGS
ON THE FRENCH EMBASSY NOTEPAPER. NIER REPORTEDLY
DESCRIBED THE FRENCH POSITION ON THESE MATTERS AS
" UNACCEPTABLE" SINCE IT PUT IN QUESTION THE ENTIRE
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STATUS OF EAST BERLIN AS CAPITAL OF THE GDR. HE ARGUED THAT THE FRENCH POSITION WAS IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION AND WITH THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN PARIS BETWEEN FRENCH AND GDR REPS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. WHEN SEVERAL OF THE DIPLOMATS PRESENT ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT THE GDR WAS HAVING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, NIER QUICKLY SAID THIS WAS NOT THE CASE: HE SIMPLY WANTED THE REPRESENTATIVES TO BE AWARE OF THE NEGATIVE POSITION THE GDR TOOK ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH THE FRENCH HAD RAISED.

3. THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRENCH CHARGE IN EAST BERLIN WHO LEARNED OF THE MEETING FROM A " FRIENDLY" DIPLOMAT IS THAT THE GDR WAS INDICATING THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT THE FRENCH POSITION BUT WAS UNHAPPY WITH IT AND WAS THEREFORE TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT TRY TO FOLLOW THE FRENCH EXAMPLE.
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